GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2105
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AMELIORATION OF ACID SOILS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has submitted proposals regarding Reclamation of Saline, Alkaline and Water logged areas and implementation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Amelioration of acid soils` for the approval and financial aid:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which such proposals are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)
(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Intervention of Central Government was sought to reclaim 24,000 ha. of saline and alkaline soil at a cost of Rs.60 crores, 12,000 ha. of waterlogged lands at a cost of Rs.24 crores and 25,000 ha. of acidic soils at a cost of Rs.5 crores during 9th Five Year Plan. The Ministry`s proposal for inclusion of a scheme for amelioration of acid soils in the country was not approved by the Planning Commission and hence no financial assistance could be provided to Karnataka State under the scheme. The Scheme of Waterlogging has been sent to the Ministry of Water Resources since the subject of waterlogging concerns the Ministry of Water Resources. As regards the scheme of Reclamation of Saline Areas, a Joint Team comprising representatives of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Indian Council of Agriculture Research and Ministry of Water Resources has been constituted by the Ministry of Agriculture to identify the extent of problem areas of coastal and inland salinity in the country and to recommend package of practices for reclamation of saline areas.

(c) Based on the recommendations of the Joint Team, the proposed scheme of Reclamation of Saline Areas will be submitted to the Planning Commission for consideration.